




REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES


CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of November 1st, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px;">Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force</div> <p>On October 28, 2004, officers from the D.C. Metropolitan Police 7th district responded to a call in southeast, Washington, D.C., to investigate a hit and run. Upon arrival, officers discovered two seriously injured children, ages 5 and 2, who had been struck by an individual operating a motorcycle. The 5-year-old child was later pronounced dead at Children’s Hospital. The other victim, age 2, is in critical condition. Detectives later identified Christopher Powell as the driver of the motorcycle and subsequently secured a warrant out of D.C. Superior Court charging second degree murder. On November 3, 2004, the case was referred to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. CARFTF investigators wasted no time, and during the early morning hours of November 4, 2004, arrested Powell, without incident, in southwest, Washington, D.C.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  Christopher Powell Wanted for Second Degree Murder </div>
<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px;">Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force</div> <p>On November 4, 2004, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) arrested 10-year fugitive Marvin Burton at a home in Lithonia, Georgia. A warrant was issued for Burton’s arrest in 1994 in Guilford County, North Carolina for failure to appear. In 1993, Burton broke into the house of his ex-girlfriend, stabbed and raped her before she was finally able to break free. The victim was able to escape from the house and run a short distance down the street before Burton chased her down and shot her six times with a 22 cal. rifle. Police arrived on the scene and arrested Burton as he was reloading. Burton made bond, fled the state and had been on the run ever since. SERFTF investigators received a collateral lead from the Middle District of North Carolina earlier in the week and, based on that information, initiated an investigation in the Northern District of Georgia. During a surveillance of a suspected address, Burton was seen entering the home. SERFTF agents breached the door and placed the fugitive into custody without incident.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  Marvin Burton Wanted for Homicide </div>

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On November 4, 2004, NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force members arrested Julius Treadwell on a twenty-year-old warrant for homicide in New York. On October 27, 1975, Treadwell was arrested for the stabbing death/murder of his ten-year-old step son and attempted murder of his wife and her two other children. Treadwell was declared “mentally defective” and sentenced to Manhattan Psychiatric Center in 1978, from which he escaped. On April 19, 1984, a warrant was issued for Treadwell as a result of non-compliance. Investigation by Task Force members revealed that Treadwell was staying at an address in New York. Based on the information, task force members arrested Treadwell without incident and transported him to Manhattan Supreme Court.</p>	 <p>Julius Treadwell</p> <p>Homicide and Attempted Murder</p>

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>Michael Steven Cuomo was arrested in South Bend, Indiana by members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF), Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; and local police officers, based on information provided by the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG). Cuomo was wanted by the San Bernardino County, California, Sheriff’s Department (SBSD) for assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment, and criminal threatening. Cuomo also faces the possibility of special enhancements due to the fact that he used a firearm during the commission of a crime and because the victim was a juvenile. The charges against Cuomo allege that on October 15, 2004, he and a second suspect held a 16-year-old girl against her will at a residence in Hesperia, California. During the ordeal, Cuomo allegedly held a gun to the girl’s head and pulled the trigger; however, the gun did not fire. After several hours, the girl was able to escape from her captors and call police. Responding units apprehended the second suspect, Richard Hutchinson, near the scene, but were unable to locate Cuomo and contacted the PSWRFTF for assistance. According to SBSD investigators, Cuomo was heavily involved in narcotics and had made statements about shooting it out with police. PSWRFTF and TOG investigators tracked Cuomo to New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, and Kentucky before determining his whereabouts in South Bend, Indiana. PSWRFTF investigators immediately contacted the GLRFTF in South Bend, Indiana to coordinate Cuomo’s arrest.</p>	 <p>Michael Cuomo</p> <p>Wanted for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, False Imprisonment, and Criminal Threatening</p>

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 22, 2004, the Peoria, Illinois, Police Department requested assistance from the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) in locating and apprehending Billy Whitehead and Pierre Jordan, who were wanted for the October 21, 2004 murder of a young female in Peoria, Illinois. Whitehead and Jordan allegedly shot the victim, who was standing outside their car during an altercation over a drug deal. The shooting was captured on a business security camera. The GLRFTF began working with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, tracking Jordan to Bloomington and then to Chicago. GLRFTF investigators learned that Jordan and Whitehead were involved in an armed robbery that took place in Mattson, Illinois on October 29, 2004. Two days later, Riverdale, Illinois police attempted to stop Jordan, based on the description of the car from the armed robbery, at which time Jordan attempted to run over a Riverdale police officer. After a short pursuit, Jordan fled on foot carrying a handgun.

GLRFTF investigators, having learned that Jordan had a court hearing on a prior drug charge scheduled in Bloomington, Illinois on November 2, established surveillance at the McLean County Courthouse. GLRFTF investigators observed Jordan and Whitehead arrive at the courthouse and arrested both without incident. Jordan was sentenced on the narcotics charge and received 6 years in prison. Homicide charges will be filed against Jordan sometime next week. Whitehead was charged with the Peoria murder. Whitehead had recently been released on parole from the Illinois Department of Corrections after a 3-year sentence for felon in possession of a firearm and had also had served an earlier 6-year sentence in Illinois for drug charges.



Pierre Jordon



Billy Whitehead

Wanted for Murder